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**Two Boys Sack Childhood Cancer, Huddle Up For Disney World Trip**

Chartway Credit Union, its Chartway Promise Foundation, Toby’s Dream Foundation
Team Up to Fund Magical Wish for the Best Friends and Their Families

**Norfolk, VA (September 8, 2022)** – Hey, Cameron! Hey, Foster! You just had your dream granted in front of 22,000 football fans and millions of TV viewers. What do say to that? *“We’re going to Disney World!”*

That was the reaction of two childhood leukemia survivors, Cameron Gular and Foster Jones, who had just been told their shared wish was coming true during the ESPNU broadcast of the Virginia Tech vs. Old Dominion University football game on Sept. 2, presented by Chartway.

The wish reveal was made possible by Chartway Credit Union and its charitable arm, the Chartway Promise Foundation, with charitable funds given to Toby’s Dream Foundation. Chartway was also the official Game Day Sponsor of ODU’s opening day football game.

“The five- and six-year-old boys and their families met and became close during the boys’ leukemia treatments at Norfolk’s Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters (CHKD). The boys have since become best friends and both love football – Cameron’s mom graduated from Virginia Tech, so he is a Hokie fan and Foster is a Monarch fan since his father is an Old Dominion grad,” said Brian Schools, president & CEO of Chartway.”

“When we learned they wished to go to Disney, [we couldn’t think of a better way to surprise them](https://youtu.be/SfzjwSkQ1CA) with the news than by telling them down on the field during this in-state rivalry -- so we did!”’ Schools said. “The game was played on Foster’s one-year anniversary of being cancer-free, so we had a lot to celebrate that day.”

“The joy on their faces was something I’ll never forget. It was incredible,” Schools shared.

Chartway has partnered with ODU and its Athletics Department for nearly 20 years, which has included renaming the Chartway Arena, providing $25,000 in scholarships to student athletes every year, event discounts, and other Team Monarch activations around campus.

The Chartway Promise Foundation is the credit union’s charitable arm and fulfills Chartway’s commitment to its communities by providing the financial support to make dreams and wishes come to life for kids facing medical challenges. “Bringing joy, hope, and smiles to children like Cameron and Foster is what our Chartway Promise Foundation is all about,” shared Christine Wilson, president of Chartway’s charity. “We’re thrilled to do just that for Cameron and Foster. Throughout their difficult journey with cancer, dreaming of a trip to Disney together brought them the priceless gift of hope.”

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The credit union and its foundation have raised nearly $14 million to bring joy, hope, and smiles to thousands of kids like Cameron and Foster.

September is also Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Because the Chartway Promise Foundation supports so many children facing pediatric cancer and other medical illnesses, Chartway is hosting a Gold Ribbon Fundraiser in its branches all month. For each dollar contributed, donors will receive a gold ribbon customized with their name or the name of someone they want to honor and displayed throughout the branches and offices. The iconic “Promise Bears” plush animals will also be sold in branches leading up to the 23rd Annual Charity Golf Classic in Virginia Beach, VA, on September 26.

To learn more or make a donation, visit www.ChartwayPromiseFoundation.org.

**Photo Captions (Available upon request)**

**ODU & VA Tech Cheerleaders and Mascots Joined Chartway & its Foundation for the Big Reveal**

On Friday, September 2, 2022, during the ODU vs. Virginia Tech football game, two childhood leukemia survivors, Cameron Gular and Foster Jones, learned during the ESPNU broadcast that their shared wish was coming true thanks to funds given from the Chartway Promise Foundation. Cheerleaders and mascots from both teamed joined Chartway and its foundation on-field for the big reveal.

**Cameron & Foster High Five ODU Football Players --** Cameron and Foster helped kick-off the game in a special way by giving high gives to the football players as they ran on to the field.

**Pre-Game Play --** Chartway’s board chair, Nancy McMahon, helped Cameron & Foster gear up for the ODU vs. Virginia Tech game, presented by Chartway.

**On-Field Fun --** Cameron & Foster enjoyed watching the first quarter of the game on the field with Brian Schools, Chartway’s president & CEO, as they prepared for their on-field wish reveal.

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**Hokie Bird --** The Hokie Bird – the mascot for Virginia Tech – played on the field with the boys during the 1st quarter of the big game.

**Sun Belt Conference Commissioner Gives Kid Heroes coins**

Keith Gill, the commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference, gave Cameron and Foster commemorative challenge coins immediately following the on-field wish reveal.

**Chartway & its Chartway Promise Foundation** Since 1959, Chartway has been unlocking the potential of individuals and families so they can thrive. Member-owned and values-driven, the $2.6 billion credit union proudly serves more than 200,000 members with branches in Virginia, Utah, and Texas. Additionally, Chartway has been recognized by Forbes as one of America’s Best-In-State Credit Unions in 2022 and received numerous Top Workplace and Best Credit Union accolades – not only for its service to members but also as an organization where team members benefit from rewarding work, room to grow personally and professionally, and being their authentic selves. Since 1999, its charitable arm, the Chartway Promise Foundation, has raised nearly $14 million to bring joy, hope, and smiles to children facing medical hardship. Chartway’s values reflect a bright way forward for members, communities, and team members. For information on this vibrant organization, visit [www.Chartway.com](http://www.Chartway.com) and follow them on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/chartwayfcu), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ChartwayFCU), or [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/chartwayfcu/).

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